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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion of Appropriate Measures to Maintain or Enhance the Existing Levels of Energy Efficiency, Services to Low-Income Customers, Renewable Resources and Research and Development ("Public Benefits") in Restructured Electric and Natural Gas Industries

05-BU-100

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Comments Due: Tuesday, April 11, 2000 – Noon	Address Comments To: Lynda L. Dorr, Secretary to the Commission Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854 FAX (608) 266-3957
FAX Due: Monday, April 10, 2000 – Noon	

Recent legislation established funding mechanisms for Public Benefit efforts and provided for the transfer of funds from Wisconsin Class A, investor-owned, energy utilities to the Public Benefits fund. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 196.374(2), the Public Service Commission (Commission) is required to determine the amount that each utility spent in 1998 on the following programs:

- (a) Low-income assistance, including low-income weatherization and writing off uncollectibles and arrearages.
- (b) Energy conservation and efficiency.
- (c) Environmental research and development.
- (d) Renewable resources.

Preliminary 1998 expenditure levels for these programs, as determined by Commission staff, are attached to this notice. Page 1 of the attachment is a summary of the data by the categories identified above. Pages 2-5 provide additional detail for the expense category and funding under each of the four categories.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission requests comments regarding the appropriateness of the categorization of expenses and the expenditure levels outlined in the attachments. Any person who desires to file comments should submit an original and 20 copies as indicated in the box on page 1. Members of the public need only file an original. Comments

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Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Dave Iliff at (608) 266-3905.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

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